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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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*Examiner:* Timothy W. Heitbrink  
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*Art Unit:* 1722  
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*Title:* CORE PIN AND SLEEVE AND  
METHOD OF USING SAME

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May 3, 2004

  
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**PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**


Mail Stop - Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A three month extension of time until May 3, 2004 is requested and hereby filed concurrently with an amendment in the above identified application. Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the cost of the fee.

No other fees are believed due at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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